

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:30 pm in the basement meeting room at the Fremont Town Hall
Pledge of Allegiance

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. All Town services are available virtually, and many things can also be done by appointment. Please review the most up to date information on the home page of the Town website. Please continue to remember social distancing. Please call or email us to get the services you need.
2. Most of NH is under a drought warning, even with recent rains. Please remain vigilant on all non-essential water use.

NH DES update: Over the past 30-days, the majority of the state has received near to above normal precipitation, which has not happened since the drought emerged in June. As a result, last week's U.S. Drought Monitor indicated some significant drought improvement across the state, but over the last 7-days, the amount of precipitation received, 0.1" to 0.5", was not significant enough to improve conditions further. The longer term precipitation deficits remain and forecasts for the next two weeks do not provide reassurance of significant drought improvement. Light rain today and rain/snow tonight is predicted to bring 0.5" to 1" to the southern half of the state and 0.01" to 0.25" to the northern half of the state. The 6-10 day and 8-14 precipitation outlooks are leaning toward below average precipitation.

***New!** Emergency Assistance to Low-Income Residential Well Owners: At the request of Governor Chris Sununu, the NH Drinking Water and Groundwater Advisory Commission and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) have created a new initiative to provide short-term relief and financial assistance for low-income New Hampshire homeowners served by residential wells that are experiencing insufficient water or no water due to drought conditions. Information about income eligibility requirements and the amount of financial assistance for permanent drought relief measures are available on the [NHDES Drought Management Webpage](#). Emergency drought assistance is available to eligible households retroactive to costs incurred since June 23, 2020. Homeowners interested in assistance are asked to complete the following survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/wellwaterhelp>*

3. General Election voting will take place next Tuesday November 3 at Ellis School, with polls open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. The line will start in front of Ellis School along the walkway and weave around to the modular classroom on the right, into the gym. Please be patient as we do expect long lines and huge turnout. Workers will move people through as quickly as possible. Please observe social distancing.

III. LIAISON REPORTS

Testing of the automatic ballot counting device took place last night at 5:00 pm at the Town Hall.

FCTV Control room updates from Coordinator Bill Millios: We do still need to purchase the new Castus server from Access AV. Mike from Access AV spent close to four hours last night running every audio test conceivable and all the answers kept coming back to the server being the issue for the hum. It was still a little bit of a mystery as to why the replacement server also gave a humming sound but Mike thought that maybe something with our system is now longer fully compatible with the older Leightronix servers. Basically all the sound from all our gear sounds perfect - it's only when it connects to a Leightronix server (for broadcasts) that a hum appears.

We are moving ahead with the original plan of purchasing a new Castus system (total cost of \$25, 147). They typically take close to three-five weeks to arrive, so the bad news is as we wait we'll be without live broadcasts in both the downstairs meeting room as well as the first floor meeting room. Hopefully

everything's corrected and we'll be in good shape by early December and the Deliberative sessions, etc. To compensate for not having live broadcasts during the next five weeks I'll be sure to post videos on Vimeo as soon as possible and also to get them into our broadcast schedules on Ch. 13 & 22 as soon as possible.

Selectmen Update on Board meetings this week and Shirkin Road repair work update

Budget Committee 10/28/2020

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

22 October 2020

V. SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS - times scheduled to change based on the flow of the meeting

7:15 pm Michael Rydeen – voting preparation

Make note of the UTube video location – great for everyone to watch to see the layout and learn about process for making Tuesday work most efficiently.

Chief Twiss – Warrant Article versus Operating Budget for new police officer
Shirkin Road updates

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Black Rocks Village deceleration lane update – Stantec has done a minor field survey and will put together the sketches Jim Hewitt is asking for on behalf of NH DOT. Hewitt has also said that the surety bond held by the Town on GMI work is acceptable. GMI is on stand by to schedule the work as soon as we get the green light from NH DOT.

2. Kenneth Adams reports that he is making progress on the ballfields ramp and expects to be done by late November. He has been asked to provide a weekly update in writing for the Board's information.

3. A Board meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday throughout the voting day. All of the Selectmen are needed on site for the entire day.

4. Budgets

4194 Government Buildings – revote total. Last review included a duplicate request, now removed. Total Board recommendation should be updated to \$99,183 (down by \$4,500 for TH shed roof as work done in 2020).

4721-4723 Long term debt principal and interest

Tax Anticipation Notes

4140 Town Clerk Tax Collector

4445 Vendor Payments to Social Service Agencies \$34,992

WA for So Rock coalition (new request) \$4,750 (included in above total)

4130 Selectmen stipend information (follow-up)

5. Warrant Articles versus operating budgets

4312 Mast Tree Estates

4210 New Police Officer

6. Discuss PO for rototiller attachment for John Deer tractor for ballfields maintenance. Jamie Thompson submitted two quotes from local dealers. They include:

Rosencrantz – Kensington \$2,476

United Ag & Turf – Dover \$2,655

7. Confirm vote on hazard pay for election workers

8. Snow plow quote and request from Road Agent to purchase front plow and wing from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda Items

- a. Payroll Manifest \$31,021.63
- b. Accounts Payable Manifest \$98,082.00
- c. PO 2020-020 in the amount of \$361.03 authorizing use of the Town Credit Card for purchase of items at Amazon, as discussed last week for elections (barricades, signs, cones and wheeled cart for absentee ballot binders)
- d. FCTV Cable Revolving Manifest # 2020-21 in the amount of \$1681.98 to reimburse the Town's General Fund for October 2020 payroll
- e. FCTV Cable Revolving Manifest # 2020-22 in the amount of \$2,131.00 to pay Access AV for payment of invoice #20209007 for the Behringer Feedback Destroyer and other Control Room work
- f. Department Head timesheets
- g. Poll Worker Pro Tem appointments for election workers

2. Ballot Clerks will gather tomorrow with the Town Clerk and Moderator tomorrow morning at 10:00 am to begin the absentee ballot processing. This will be live broadcast and rebroadcast upon completion.

3. Review the folder of incoming correspondence

4. Weight Limit Ordinance

5. tax rate updates

VIII. WORKS IN PROGRESS

1. Voting setup will take place on Monday beginning at 3:00 pm. We have a good roster of people committed to helping with this as well as the many other election duties.

2. The School Board is planning to meet at the Town Hall on Monday November 9 and Thursday November 12, both at 6:00 pm. Thursday night they will be on the main floor.

IX. NON-PUBLIC SESSION NH RSA 91-A

Legal pending / deed and plan documents
Personnel / memorandum
FRD meeting with candidate

And any other business which may legally come before the Board

The Board will meet beginning at 7:00 am on Election Day and throughout polling hours and counting on Tuesday November 3, 2020 at Ellis School.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday November 5, 2020 at 6:30 pm.